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Maryville city officials decided to take down some of Maryville's old and forgotten buildings Wednesday and demolished three vacant houses on N. Walnut Street. Officials said it was time they came down.

University Police produces active shooter training video for campus

“Run. Hide. Fight.” depicts a realistic intruder to prepare faculty, staff and students.

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The names Sandy Hook, Columbine and Virginia Tech are remembered for incredible violence at the hands of a few individuals. The University Police Department is taking one step to prevent Northwest from becoming another tragic story.

Through late August, University police produced a “Run. Hide. Fight.” video that depicts an intruder situation on campus.

After the July 2012 shooting in Aurora, Colo., Houston and the Department of Homeland Security combined efforts to develop a film to train workers to better handle shooter scenarios. While their video was designed for an office complex, the UPD took the idea and transformed it to the university setting.

The video has been in transformation for a year, and was filmed over spring break last semester. More than 40 participants, including the UPD, faculty, student employees and others helped in the project. This effort was all in part to make the video realistic for administration, instructors and students.

“Students realize this is my campus, this is my instructor, those are friends in my class,” UPD Lieutenant Mike Ceperley said. Ceperley has also served as Northwest’s emergency management coordinator for the last seven years.

There were many steps to incorporating the “Run. Hide. Fight.” film on campus. The final edit on the video was completed Aug. 30. Since then, the UPD has been promoting the interactive training with faculty. In mid-

September the film was distributed to the “leadership roundtable” and was followed up with a small quiz.

The remainder of faculty and staff received access to the short film Sept. 16. The film was put on the UPD portion of the Northwest website Sept. 19. The seven minute video is now a part of the student employment orientation. The UPD officers plan to meet with remaining faculty and student groups throughout the remainder of the year.

During the video, the narrator explains to the audience how to deter others from a shooter and apprehend one if needed. Most students agree that this preparation is necessary.

“Staying calm would be my biggest issue,” sophomore Megan Oliver said. “With the number of school shootings and mass violence, people need to know how to handle situations like that.”

For others, it is a concern that the video’s implementation will not be sufficient. Ceperley believes the video will have an impact for Northwest and will be very beneficial.

“Someone walks into your office with a gun. What are you physically and mentally prepared to do?” Ceperley said. “All it really takes is one person to be the leader; others will follow.”

VIDEO



To see the active shooter video go online.



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Patty BanCleave’s fourth grade class practices how to use University laptops Tuesday.

Elementary students receive laptops

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Technology is taking over Horace Mann Elementary School as it recently announced that its students will receive laptops that will be used outside of the classroom.

Jill Baker, principal of Horace Mann, recently decided that laptops were an essential for the third and fourth grade classes on campus. Elementary students have access to laptops at school, but they have never been able to use them outside of the classroom.

“Right now they actually have quite a bit of computer access. They currently have

the ability to have one-on-one laptops in the classroom at all times,” Baker said. “But what they haven’t had before is a laptop that could actually go home. That actually allows us to extend the learning electronically outside of the school day.”

The classrooms will make the transition in October, affecting the way children learn and research and the way a teacher produces a lesson.

“They are 21st century learners, and they really need to learn in ways that extend technology beyond the school day. We know they are children that have never lived without the Internet,” Baker said. “What

I see this doing is allowing for more research, allowing more writing and allowing for children to explore their own learning.”

Elementary education majors also agreed that advancing the technology level for elementary students is a good idea and will help teachers and students relate better. The idea of taking laptops outside of the classroom seems to flourish in any student’s mind.

“We didn’t have technology to the extent that students do now. I never used it when I was younger in school,” freshman Brett Schaberg said.

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Maryville City Council looking to fill positions on administrative committees

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Maryville city officials are looking for applications from residents for various city board openings affecting city government.

Such board openings include those on the Planning and Zoning Commission, Parks and Recreation, the Board of Zoning Adjustment, the Northwest Missouri Regional Airport Board, the Maryville Library Board and the Board of Code of Appeals.

“We encourage people to get involved with the city,” City Clerk Sheila Smail said. “By being on a city board, it is a great way to know what is going on with the city and to know the in-depth important issues going on in Maryville.”

There are two positions available for the Northwest Missouri Regional Airport Board and three terms will expire Oct. 1 for the Mazingo Lake Recreation Park Advisory Board.

Rather than being elected to serve on certain city boards, citizens who want to make a change in the city’s



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Maryville City Council members are looking for residents interested in applying for open positions on various city boards at City Hall.

SEE **BOARDS** | A5

Newest Greeks attend BANG



BROOKLYN SUMMERVILLE | NW MISSOURIAN
Becoming A New Greek (BANG) allowed new Greek members and members from Order of Omega to talk about what can be expected of them.

Northwest provides families Dieterich Hall rental option

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Travel accommodations are always hard to come by around Family Weekend. Northwest is offering an alternative to overbooked hotels for important events: Dieterich Hall will be rented to families coming to campus for Family Weekend. In addition to the events offered by campus, this year a new service will be available for those families who may be traveling a considerable distance. “We’ve talked about it several times over the years, but have never had the space available,” said Scott Shields, coordinator of Residential Life Operations. “I had been thinking about using Dieterich this year... an inquiry came in to see if campus housing was available; we decided to seize the

moment.”

For a fee of \$25 per night, Dieterich Hall will be a home away from home for Bearcat parents. As of Monday, 86 rooms had been reserved for 170 people. That number is expected to ascend leading into Family Weekend. The availability of a dorm hall has proven to be a great way to bring more parents and alumni to the campus. “The reception from families has been humbling,” Shields said. “Others are alumni who are excited for a chance to stay in their old college residence hall for sentimental reasons.” Shields hopes for another exciting Family Weekend for the Bearcat community. “We are just grateful we were able to help our families come to campus for some first-hand Bearcat spirit without breaking the bank,” Shields said.

Bearcat zone sees success with new tailgating policy, University Police report no violations

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The new campus tailgating policies have proven students and fans can responsibly drink while they enjoy a game-day atmosphere leading up to kickoff. The University Police Department worked out some of the initial confusion it faced with tailgating fans and the new policies. There was confusion about the specific time tailgating can start, especially for the Saturday evening game against Central Missouri. “From what we’ve seen and what we’ve been able to monitor, the first two games were night games, so there was a little bit of confusion to the start times. On a Saturday game especially, there were some that wanted to get there a little earlier than 2 o’clock,”

said Lieutenant Ray Ottman of the University Police Department. There was also some confusion about the designated lots (lots 60,62,63) where drinking alcohol is permitted. Ottman said after policies were reaffirmed, tailgaters were compliant and moved to the designated parking lots. More problems came with smoking, since Northwest is still a smoke-free campus. “There were great crowds. They’ve welcomed the change. They’ve welcomed the fact that alcohol is allowed, and they’ve welcomed the fact that we’re trying to kind of organize the environment a little bit better,” Ottman said. There also have been no violations for minors in possession or consumption or any crimes related to the tailgating zone. Ottman has taken notice to how

the students have set up responsible tailgate areas and appreciates the responsibility they have taken. “We don’t want people just coming to the tailgate to party and drink. It’s a game day; that’s what we’re all there for,” Ottman said. The Board of Regents voted to allow alcohol on campus in the tailgating zones in the spring. The idea has turned into an organized place for students and fans to gather before football games, and that’s what the University wants. “I’m excited to keep going to them and hope to see more and more people come out to make it bigger and better every tailgate,” senior Jeremy Rowland said. Ottman and the University Police Department anticipates things to go smoothly the rest of the year.

Family Weekend set to kickoff Friday

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Northwest’s annual Family Weekend, set to kick off this weekend, will provide students and their families with a memorable experience on campus. “We always have Family Weekend within the first six weeks because it shows that students can reach back and still have some of that support from their families,” said Anthony Maly, campus activities coordinator, “especially if they’re a little farther away and unable to see them as often” Family Weekend is a fairly new tradition faculty and students look forward to year after year. “Family Weekend started within the last five years. Before that point, there was only a family day,” Maly said. Family Weekend will have different activities for friends and families of students to experience throughout the weekend. Saturday will start off with a 5k Run/Walk/Roll sponsored by the Northwest athletic trainers.

There will be free games and activities, so families will be able to be entertained throughout the day. The Bearcat football team will also be hosting the University of Nebraska-Kearney Lopers Saturday at 1 p.m.. “My dad, cousins and uncles are

coming up for the game and having a fish fry after the game,” sophomore Blake Chevalier said. “Last year’s Family Weekend was so packed... (it) was the highlight of my weekend.” Though not all families can attend Family Weekend, some students are excited about their options for interaction on campus with free games and activities “I’m from the Bahamas, so my parents won’t be able to attend the

Family Weekend. But at least I have friends up at here in which I consider them as my family” sophomore Burton Fox said. Other activities highlighting Family Weekend include a free event sponsored by SAC featuring comedian/juggler Nick Pike from “America’s Got Talent” Friday as well as a pancake breakfast by Chris Cakes Saturday at 9 a.m. A full list of events can be found on the Northwest website.

Event	Location	Date/Time
Northwest Soccer	The Pitch	Friday at 4 p.m.
Alumni Awards Banquet	Student Union, Ballroom	Friday at 6 p.m.
Speaker: Nick Pike	Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Friday at 7 p.m.
5K Run/ Walk/Roll	Circle Drive, Lamkin Activity Center	Saturday 6:15 a.m. (check-in) 7 a.m. (start)
Pancake breakfast by Chris Cakes Cost: \$4	Alumni House	Saturday 9-10:30 a.m.

Event	Location	Date/Time
Family Fun Fest	College Park, Pavilion	Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Bearcat Zone Tailgate Cost: \$6.50	College Park Pavilion	Saturday 11 a.m.
Northwest Football vs. Nebraska - Kearney	Bearcat Stadium	Saturday 1 p.m.
Saturday Night Entertainment, Lynn Trefzger	Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Saturday 7 p.m.
Brunch Buffet Cost: \$7.79	Student Union	Sunday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Friday, September 27	
4:30 pm Jess Zielinski Benefit First Methodist Church	Greeks against hunger and Homelessness 9:00am at JW Jones Student Union
Family Weekend All-Day Northwest Missouri State Campus	Soccer vs Missouri Western 4:00pm at Bearcat Pitch
Saturday, September 28	
Football vs Nebraska-Kearney 1:00 pm at Bearcat Stadium	Volleyball at Fort Hays State 3:00 at Hays, KS
Family Weekend All-Day Northwest Campus	Family Weekend Mass and Dinner 4:00pm at Newman Catholic Center
Hy-vee Bearcat Zone 11:00am at Raymond J. Courter college park pavilion	
Sunday, September 29	
Bearcat Steppers Fundraiser- Pancakes 8:00am at Applebees	Sigma Kappa’s Kick in the Grass Soccer tournament 1:00pm at Intermural Fields

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Zydeco band plays at Palms



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The Palms Bar & Grill brought live music to Maryville Sept. 20 in the form of Dwayne Dopsie & the Zydeco Hellraisers. The band, from Louisiana, plays Zydeco music, native to the Cajun lifestyle found in New Orleans, La.

Marvylle sees decline in alcohol-related offenses

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With the school year in full swing, underage students have one question on their mind when stumbling down the streets of Maryville on weekends- “how can I avoid getting an MIP?”

The city of Maryville has seen a small decline of minor in possession and driving while intoxicated charges in the last few years. Northwest, however, has seen an increase in on-campus liquor violations.

On-campus liquor violations increased between 2009 and 2011. According to statistics provided by University police, there were 77, 94, and 124 in 2009, 2010, and 2011, respectively. A majority of these violations occurred in the residential facilities.

“We had a change in strategy on how we went about enforcement. What we used to do was our residential hall staff would confront all (situations involving) alcohol. We made it to where anytime there is a criminal violation, University Police would go and handle that,” said Clarence Green, chief of University Police. “When we changed our philosophy, the (alcohol) numbers went up.” Instances of theft, burglary and other crimes did not increase. In fact, “they plummeted,” according to Green.

Conversely, charges for MIP and DWI dropped in the last three years, according to the Maryville Department of Public Safety.

“We’ve had a pretty aggressive stance towards alcohol violations in general for at least the last 20 years. A community’s level of substance abuse, in general, has a lot to do with other crime elements that take

place,” said Keith Wood, director of Maryville Public Safety.

Wood acknowledged that his department has not implemented any new policies, and alcohol-related accidents have not increased.

“Safe Ride has significantly reduced the number of harmful driving situations, including driving while intoxicated, in the community by 66 percent,” according to a news release from August of this year.

It is no secret that drinking is widespread among college students.

“If you tell people they can’t do something, they’re going to want to do it,” freshman Austin Moddrell said.

About four out of five college students drink alcohol, half of whom consume alcohol through binge drinking, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

“I’m comfortable with the drinking age now. I definitely feel like it is time for us to have an open discussion around the age of drinking and just alcohol in general, on where we’re headed and what we’re doing for all aspects of alcohol,” Green said.

Northwest’s recent activities reflect a changing attitude toward the issue of college drinking.

Northwest changed its tailgating policies to allow of-age drinking in certain areas of campus for football games. It remains against University policy to possess and/or consume alcohol otherwise.

Some in law enforcement disagree with the seeming shift to a more lenient policy.

“If we really care for our young people, then the best, smartest thing would be to raise the drinking age,” Wood said.



NATALIE FRY | NW MISSOURIAN

The updated Mandarin restaurant offers a variety of new options, such as the salt and pepper fish.

Mandarin receives expansion, updates

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The Mandarin has been a Maryville staple for decades, working to enhance the small-town charm. After more than 20 years of serving buffet-style Chinese food, the restaurant decided it was time for change.

The Mandarin’s internal structure has been remodeled to help provide customers with a memorable dining experience. Walls were torn down to create a roomy atmosphere, TVs were mounted to entertain customers while they eat and more buffet lines were added to offer more customer favorites.

Ryan Robertson, a waiter at the Mandarin, said the additional buffet lines will probably be the improvement most responsible for the restaurant’s expected increased sales.

“It’s definitely more open now,”Robertson said. “We tore down the office and the walls that created a separate party room so we could add the buffet lines.”

To compensate for the cost of the renovations, prices have been raised, and refreshments are no longer included. But, the restaurant also now offers 10 percent student and senior discounts.

The Mandarin closed for reconstruction in August. In just shy of a month’s time, the Mandarin is once again open for business.

Drought brings Northern Missouri driest August in three decades

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It seemed as if this year’s weather was going to be a bit gentler on farmers. But, as August continued to hold back the precipitation and scorch the area, farmers continue to suffer from drought-like conditions.

“August really took a hit on crops,” junior Jacob Stoll said. “It looked good until we didn’t get any rain.”

Stoll and his family farm roughly 2,000 acres, including corn, soybean, and occasionally wheat while running close to 100 Charolais cattle in Nodaway County.

According to “Successful Farm-

ing,” the delayed planting has caused more corn diseases in some parts of the country, mainly in the upper Midwest.

Still, not all is bleak for local farmers. The rainfall early this spring was able to provide a jump-start for hay this season. Farms further south are expecting record corn yields this fall. Some practices are able to assist with difficult conditions.

Hydroponic farming, a method of growing plants using mineral nutrients in water without soil, is becoming more popular for fruit and vegetable producers. Farmers are also implementing rotational grazing in livestock operations to ease the bur-

den of feeding.

According to the USDA, some farmers in the corn belt have started harvesting and production counts are already up from last year. Operators in Eddyville, Iowa are also experiencing wetter corn this year as well.

Stoll faces a unique challenge that other farmers in the area may not deal with on a daily basis, which is balancing a college course load and the coming harvest season.

“I try to work as much as I can,” Stoll said. Yet family makes sure that he stays on top of school.

Whether it is in regards to the lack of rain or midterms, farmers should be optimistic for coming summers.

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OUR VIEW:

Poor parenting to blame instead of violent video games

Since the latest installment of Grand Theft Auto (GTA) was released Sept. 17, countless Northwest students, including a few of us at the Missourian, have pushed studies and commitments aside to get just a few hours of gaming in. The critically-acclaimed game, set in a satirical version of Los Angeles, made a staggering \$1 billion in just three days and shows no sign of slowing down.

Inevitably, this immensely-popular franchise has stirred up a considerable amount of controversy over the years due to its incredibly violent and profane subject matter. The harshest critics often argue that violent games, such as Grand Theft Auto, lead to a

large increase in real-world violence, such as the mass shooting at the Navy Yard last week. The problem is that fanatic parents demanding the game be taken off store shelves seem to ignore the more obvious culprit in this case: their fellow parents.

Before delving into the importance of effective parenting regarding violent video games, it is important to examine the extensive research that has been done on this subject. Both the video game alarmists and supporters often cite numerous studies when giving their argument, so it's difficult to draw a general consensus from the scientific community. However, it is important to understand

that in science, correlation does not imply causation. For example, if a study shows that the children surveyed exhibited aggressive tendencies after playing Grand Theft Auto, it does not mean that every child will exhibit similar tendencies. Conversely, if a study finds that children who play violent video games are less susceptible to violence than those who do not, you can't claim violent video games have no negative effects.

This leads back to the problem of parenting when discussing this issue. According to the American Psychological Association, 90 percent of teenagers say their parents never check video game ratings before al-

lowing them to buy games. Grand Theft Auto is rated M for Mature, meaning that only children age 17 or above can purchase it. Also, an undercover shopping survey by the Federal Trade Commission found that 89 percent of attempted purchases of M-rated games by those under 17 were prevented. Despite these damning statistics, when many of us were young teenagers somebody always seemed to have the game. In fact, many of us were introduced to games like Grand Theft Auto by a childhood friend.

This points the finger directly at the irresponsible parents who buy their preteen children violent video

games without any knowledge of what's actually in the game.

Many parents whose children have been the victims of senseless violence have brought lawsuits against video game companies, often saying they have "blood on their hands." However, the courts in this country have and will continue to protect the free speech of video game designers.

So the responsibility falls on the parents to avoid buying violent video games for their children if they aren't mature enough to understand that there are real, serious consequences for running over prostitutes with a fire truck.

CAMPUS TALK

Do violent video games such as Grand Theft Auto lead to real-world violence?



"I think that violence in video games is just an outlet for people. Real-world violence has to do with other factors unrelated to violent games."

Cana Poteet
Horticulture



"Not always, but they may have an effect on people who are mentally unstable. Most people know it's not real life."

Dante Jones
Broadcasting



"I think violent video games are an outlet for aggression for many, and it definitely desensitizes people to violence"

Erik Lewis
Mass Media



"No, because people should know that games like Grand Theft Auto are not realistic"

Jordin Schall
Marketing



"No, because Grand Theft Auto is just a game. People should know the difference between real life and video games"

Tyler Zimmerman
Social Sciences

Pope needs to take serious action



Well, I never thought I'd see the day where a sitting pope answers a question about gays without sounding like your cranky, bigoted grandfather who's still holding onto the "good ole' days."

Since being selected as the voice of the Roman Catholic Church in March, Pope Francis has incited controversy in and outside of the church with his quasi-rejections of traditional Catholic teachings. Most recently, Francis said the Church has become "obsessed" with gays, abortion and birth control. The change in tone from the Catholic Church is welcoming to a nonbeliever such as myself; however, until significant changes in doctrine are made, the Catholic Church will continue to fall out of touch with an ever-evolving world.

Francis' most recent remarks on gays, abortion and contraception may lead one to think the Catholic Church has realized the error of its ways and will now be open to discussions of reform. This kind of guilty admission within the Church would not be without precedent. Since the reign of Pope John Paul II, the Catholic Church has made a point of apologizing for past wrongdoings, including the church's involvement in the African slave trade, the trial of Galileo and the Crusades.

Despite the apparent gestures



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Pope Francis has criticized Catholic church doctrine, such as abortion, early in his papacy.

of goodwill in recent decades, these apologies were often made centuries after the acts were unjustly perpetrated. So while I will say that Pope Francis' sentiments are quite refreshing, the Catholic Church needs to focus on changing its outdated teachings now, rather than apologizing for it centuries later.

A prime example of an outdated Catholic teaching is the laughable view on contraception, mainly the use of condoms to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa. According to UNAIDS.org, 34 percent of worldwide HIV cases come from 10 countries in Southern Africa. There are many factors contributing to this high percentage, but according to many HIV/AIDS advocates, the Catholic Church's anticondom stance has had a devastating effect on these startling statistics.

Despite numerous studies and evidence finding otherwise, the Catholic Church maintains that

abstinence-only education is the only effective way to combat this deadly disease in war-torn Africa. While most in the United States have laughed off this antiquated idea, the Catholic Church has continued its defiant march against facts and rationality in a region that needs it desperately.

This is a prime area where Pope Francis could make a serious difference when it comes to the perception of the Catholic Church in an increasingly secular world. He has said the Catholic Church should focus less on "small-minded rules," such as abstinence-only education, but he has not explicitly said the Catholic Church is wrong or needs to change its doctrine on these issues. So while Pope Francis is right when he says that the Catholic Church should focus more on inclusion, he is wrong if he thinks words rather than action will change society's view of the Catholic Church.

Today's pop music no longer an art form

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Contributing Columnist

It's hard to approach a topic as controversial as musical taste without detracting a proportional audience. For this reason alone I will leave my column fairly implicative to avoid offending those who may prefer different music than I.

Now imagine that you went to a grocery store this morning and bought your favorite pack of gum. You will chew this pack of gum until you run out or lose taste for it, eventually buying another pack of gum. This gum can be of the same or different flavor than the last pack. This is how a disposable, consumer product is treated. We pull a product off of the shelf in the store and place it onto the shelf in our homes, and when we are done using it, we throw it away and buy another one. The problem is that society, on a cultural level, has lost the ability to differentiate between mere consumer items and art forms.

I'm not trying to attack the talent of Chief Keef, Nicki Minaj, Kenny Chesney, Taylor Swift, etc. It's obvious that they have talent in some facet, or they never would have achieved the level of popularity they've attained. What I will attack is the interpretation of their talent. The line between lyrical quality and image-driven quality is thin due to all forms of visual media, including music videos, which undoubtedly killed the radio star.

These performers, and an array of similar mainstream performers, appeal to people's superficial behavioral expectations of society. For example, an overly

simplified song such as "Love Sosa" or "Beez in the Trap," confirms the belief that popular music should be without lyrical depth and consist of superficial subject matter. The music industry has turned a style of artwork into a form of social grouping, through which it severs its own target market from evocative thought. Unfortunately, this is done simply to keep clientele and profit. Thankfully, this division has created a new genre of music lovers through the Internet: the indie culture.

As a society, we notice connections in behavior and share a personal interest in one another. In this regard, the Internet has done a great service as well a great disservice to the art of music. To its detriment, the Internet has given a face to the creators and pioneers and in turn built a stigma of who will be successful based on appearance. To its favor, the Internet has given rise to a proverbial ocean of oil under the tectonic plates in the music industry: a group of successful musicians and poets who would never have had a shot in hell without YouTube, Twitter, Reddit or Facebook.

The indie subculture of society is a personal ponder of mine. My question is that although the stereotype that goes with age is often cynicism, could the emergence of the indie culture signify that there really is a problem with what is on the radio today? Could the fact that an ever-growing minority group, many of whom are in the same age range as mainstream music followers, holds such distaste to their peers' music be indicative of a true devolution in music?

In my opinion, this is quite likely.

Student loan debt impossible to ignore



To asphyxiate, according to Webster's Dictionary, is "to cause (someone) to stop breathing and often to become unconscious." Asphyxiation is also the feeling I get when I look at the debt I have amassed during my time as a student of higher education.

\$24,000 is my number. Some have a higher total, some lower, but no doubt it is hard to exhale after seeing those dollar amounts on the computer screen next to my name.

It is a challenge to quantify the value of investing in higher education. Conflicting information says that college is both a great investment and a great way to get behind.

I am not questioning the value of my time at college, but it does beg the question as to whether or not college students should be expected to pay such a great price for the opportunity to change social classes and become a member of the faltering educated population in America.

Military students withstanding, the rest of us are expected to shoulder the almost unscalable mountain of debt.

As if the burden of debt was not enough, most college students are forced to, in addition to a full-time class schedule, balance a job, rent and housing expenses. Not to mention the drive to socialize as a way to unwind and forget the strains of working 60-plus hour weeks.

Should these burdens be placed on young people as they strive for academic and social progress? Or is it possible that too much is placed on the backs of young people as they work to meet an ever-changing world's expectations?

The United States and the world are changing not by baby steps, but by leaps and bounds.

Gone are the days when information was processed and transmitted at a snail's pace. The globalization of society through social media and the

"...is it possible that too much is placed on the backs of young people as they work to meet an ever-changing world's expectations?"

world economy means that social, political and educational requirements do not take decades to evolve, but mere months or years.

The pressure of these changes puts more stress on the student. A student must question whether the field in which they chose to study will still be prominent and necessary four to eight years in the future.

Now I ask myself, will my dream job be available when I am out of college, or will I be stuck with debt and no way to pay it?

These issues are strongly suggestive of a reformation on how higher education is taught and if any of the financial burden should be passed on to students.

Many other nations have multiple options for students that are unable or unwilling to shoulder the debt we shoulder in the U.S. Here, like many other things, education is a business rather than a service to improve conditions for individuals.

This discrepancy must change, or our generation will be unable to dig itself out of the trillion dollar hole we are expected to climb out of in the next 30 years.

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University approaches accreditation issues

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Northwest recently reaffirmed its accreditation in July 2012. However, changes could come as administrators weigh their options.

The U.S. Department of Education requires all higher education institutions that use federal funds to obtain accreditation.

“Without the national accreditation, we wouldn’t be open for business,” said Charles McAdams, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “You have to have that in order to be approved to receive federal funds, which come to us indirectly (via Pell grants, loans, Work-Study, etc.).”

Due to the recession and practices by some for-profit higher education institutions, however, changes are in the works.

“Right now, we’re going through some major changes with teacher education,” Provost Doug Dunham said. “The accreditation can be quite onerous, at times. What we have to do is weigh the benefit of the accreditation versus the cost of the accreditation.”

BOARDS

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government must send in an application for the boards they want to serve on. It is Smail’s job to then contact current board position holders to see if they wish to serve another term. She is also responsible for receiving applications from citizens who want to serve on a city board.

Smail will then provide a memo to the City Council, in which the council will review the applications to decide if current members will serve on the boards or to have a new member on the board.

“(The city) encourages people to submit their interests and apply for these boards,” Maryville Mayor Jim Fall said. “I would say citizen

“Right now, we’re going through some major changes with teacher education”

Provost Doug Dunham

Numbers have showed a decrease in the amount of students who pass the PRAXIS exam, a test that awards one with a teaching license. Compared to 2003, when 93 percent of 259 students who took the test passed, last year, only 138 students participated--the lowest since--and only 86 percent passed the exam.

The federal government lacks the constitutional power to regulate higher education directly. However, it can withhold financial assistance, which students depend on, and in this way influence higher education policy.

“Yes, it is getting harder to keep up with some of these (regulations and policies),” Dunham said. “For

participation in these boards has increased, but has not increased significantly, or dramatically.”

Some boards, such as the Mozingo Advisory Board, accept residents as board members who are outside city limits to “get more widespread knowledge and have more information to draw from citizens outside city limits,” Smail said.

Those interested in a board position must have resided in the city limits for more than one year prior to submitting the application and must be a United States citizen. All city boards require members to be at least 21 years old, whereas the Airport Board allows for members to be at least 18.

Northwest students could even apply to be on a city board if they meet those requirements.

“In the past there, have been

instance, the U.S. Department of Education recently mandated that if Northwest offers an online or a distance education course outside of the state, the University is now required to get approval from the other state to be able to offer that course.”

Some states require the payment of a fee, which can range from \$3,000 to \$12,000, in order for outside higher education institutions to get approval to educate students.

What concerns college leaders such as Dunham even more than federal regulations is the growing skepticism concerning the value of higher education.

“(Studies prove) the less education you have, the higher the unemployment rate,” Dunham said. “Even though tuition has increased over the last three decades by about 50 percent, your lifetime median income has grown at a rate of 75 percent.”

Dunham says Northwest will continue to do what it can to provide the best education possible to its students.

“The value of a higher education is there,” Dunham said.

difficulties with getting people involved with these boards,” Smail said. “But lately, it has been picking up. With getting more involved in these boards, there tends to be a higher interest in the city.”

On the application, interested citizens must provide the positions they want to serve in, provide personal information, issues they want to address over the next two years and any potential conflicts of interest in addition to other information.

Fall said citizens can get involved in city government without being on the boards because “if someone is interested in getting involved, then we always will have something there for them to do.”

Residents interested in serving on the different city boards can send an application to the City Clerk’s Office at 415 N. Market St.

News Brief: Greeks host homeless awareness event

Some Northwest Missouri State University students are putting their weekend plans on hold to raise funds and awareness for those who are hungry and homeless in Maryville.

Members of Greek organizations will spend 42 hours in parked cars over the weekend for Greeks Against Hunger and Homelessness. The event begins 4 p.m. Friday and continues until Sunday at 10 a.m.

The event raises funds for the Maryville Ministry Center. The cost is \$50 per participant, and donations

will also be accepted.

Suggested donations include laundry detergent, crackers, diapers hand soap, bath soap, baby wipes, canned goods, nonperishable items, winter clothing and monetary donations.

The event is sponsored by the Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council and the Panhellenic Council.

For more information, contact Emily Barnes at s507648@mail.nw-missouri.edu.

LAPTOPS

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“I think it will pay off for the kids in the future because they are learning this stuff now as opposed to later in life.”

“I think it’s a good idea because a lot of things in education are technology geared,” Horace Mann Assistant Kaylea Wood said. “There are lots of online benefits to the kids having these computers.”

This transformation has also been a learning experience for the elementary teachers and faculty.

“I decided that this digital conversion idea is something that our school needed to explore, not only for our children but we are a

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Sept. 6

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 800 block of East Edwards Street.

There was a grass fire at the 27000 of 242 Street.

Sept. 7

There was a recovered flag and pole at the 1200 block of North Mulberry Street.

Sept. 8

There was a home appliance fire at the 26000 block of 248 Street.

Sept. 10

There is an ongoing investigation of harassment at the 200 block of East Third Street.

Sept. 13

There was a vehicle fire at the 100 block of South Walnut Street.

An accident occurred between Kaleigh A. McNeeley, 23,

Hopkins, Mo.; Gentry F. Deitz, 26, Maryville, Mo.; and Bradley C. Stoll, 21, Stanberry, Mo. at the 100 block of South Main Street. McNeeley was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

There is an ongoing investigation of stealing by deceit at the 900 block of Victory Lane.

Sept. 14

Jeanette N. Hoelscher, 20, Warrenton, Mo., was charged with possession of a fake I.D. at the 1200 block of South Main Street.

Sept. 15

Danielle J. Klocke, 20, was charged with minor in possession at the 300 block of North Market Street.

Kimberly B. Ayers, 20, was charged with minor in possession at the 300 block of North Market Street.

Madison C. Bailly, 20, was charged with minor in

possession at the 300 block of North Market Street.

Dallas E. Wilson, 27, was charged with supplying alcohol to a minor at the 300 block of North Market Street.

Caleb M. Mitchell, 21, was charged with open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle at the 300 block of North Mulberry Street.

Sept. 16

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 900 block of West First Street.

McKinlee B. Merit, 19, Liberty, Mo, was also charged with driving while intoxicated, minor in possession, failure to illuminate headlamps, driving while suspended and failure to provide proof of financial responsibility at the 400 block of North Main Street.

Hannah N. Baxley, 19, Kearney, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 400 block of North Main Street.

Kari M. Miller, 30, was wanted

on warrant and charged with failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

There was a recovered bicycle at the 100 block of West Eighth Street.

An accident occurred between Patrick M. Masterson, 19, St. Louis, Mo., and Brandon F. Miller, 18, Lees Summit at the intersection of West Seventh Street and North Fillmore Street. Masterson was issued a citation for failure to yield.

Sept. 17

There is an ongoing investigation of assault at the 600 block of North Mulberry Street.

An accident occurred between Wyatt A. Henke, 20, Salisbury, Mo., and Maddison D.

Clements, 17, Skidmore, Mo., at the intersection of East First Street and North Depot Street. Henke was issued a citation for failure to yield.

An accident occurred with Walter W. Wilson, 48, Parnell, Mo., at the 600 block of North

Country Club Road.

Sept. 18

Tara N. Spellman, 19, Grain Valley, Mo., was charged with minor in possession, providing false information to a public service officer and possession of a fake/altered I.D. at the 300 block of North Maker Street.

Sept. 19

There is an ongoing investigation of domestic assault at the 800 block of North Fillmore Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 100 block of South Main Street.

Sept. 20

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 300 block of East Summit Drive.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at the 2900 block of South Main Street.

Sept. 22

There is an ongoing investigation of assault at the 500 block of North Buchanan Street.

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Answers to Sept 19

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1 “Apostrophe (‘)” rocker
6 Decide not to run
10 Artist van ____
14 Works about the country
15 It may involve pi
16 Bone used in pronation
17 Multiple Grammy win-
ner Jones
18 Party animal?
19 Debussy’s “Prelude to
the Afternoon of a ____”
20 Dog aficionados?
23 Word seen annually on a
November People magazine
cover
24 Grisham’s gp.
25 Bit of needlework
26 Common soft drink
feature
31 Current type
34 Lilliputian ocean forma-
tions?
36 “____ the opinion ...”
38 Conan Doyle title
39 Artist who wrote “Diary
of a Genius”
40 Fodder for the British
tabloids?
45 May honorees
46 Search for
47 Bygone flier
49 McClanahan of “The
Golden Girls”
50 Classic Stutz
54 Reason for many De-
cember returns?
58 Kapalua Airport site
59 Father of Phobos
60 Rhymes of rap
61 Hunger
62 Buzz cut’s lack
63 Starlike flower
64 Horse show
65 Sport with a wired
weapon
66 Park and drive

Down

1 Sharp put-downs
2 Esteem to the max
3 Lab glass
4 Start of an oft-misquoted
1942 film line
5 Valueless pile
6 Down the tubes
7 Element abundant in liver
8 ____ a hand
9 Expose
10 Didn’t just chuckle
11 Norway’s patron saint
12 African bovines
13 Dynasty after the Qin
21 Bone: Pref.
22 Over, to Ulrich
26 Fleet
27 Co-panelist with Francis
and Kifgallen
28 Group with lineups
29 “Man ____ Mancha”
30 Three-pronged letters
31 A tenth of zehn
32 UCLA VIP, e.g.
33 Former wrestling star ____
Brazil
35 Genesis twin
37 Came down without
sticking, usually
41 Case for some small,
sharp items
42 Blows one’s stack
43 Hot times in the cité
44 Party parting gift
48 Motivate
50 Tend to a duck
51 ____ del Sol
52 Hunting
53 Alexander et al.
54 “The Alienist” author
55 Broddingnagian
56 Crab pot, e.g.
57 Not much more than
58 Fall bloom

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3	4	2	6	5	9	7	8	1
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Medium

2	3	5	1	9	7	8	6	4
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Aries, someone whose opinion
matters to you may disagree with
you on an important point. Use
your powers of persuasion, and
both of you will be better for it.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you may be excited about
an upcoming event or getaway,
but don't let your anticipation
get the best of you. Remember,
you do need to plan and pack.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Take your upbeat attitude to new
heights this week, Taurus. New
challenges will emerge in the com-
ing weeks, so find new inspira-
tion and things will go smoothly.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, embrace a challenge that
presents itself this week. No mat-
ter the scale of the challenge,
you will soon find you're up to
it, and so will those around you.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, keep your head on straight
over the next week, which fig-
ures to be hectic. Cool heads al-
ways prevail, and your calm ap-
proach will be noticed by others.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, be open to new ex-
periences, as you do not know
when surprises are going to come
around the bend. This week may
prove to be a real eye-opener.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, your ingenuity is treasured
among the people closest to you, but
those who do not know you may be
unfamiliar with the tricks you have up
your sleeve. Take time to show them.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
It's time to ditch any bad habits
that have been holding you back,
Capricorn. Set a new course, with
new goals, and those old hab-
its will soon be an afterthought.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, someone wants to take your re-
lationship to another level, so let this
person know you are on the same
page. Otherwise, you both may be
floundering around for some time.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
A heightened sense of urgency may
have you jumping into a situation,
Aquarius. But give this situation the
careful consideration it deserves.
Keep your eyes on the future.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, good news awaits on the
job this week, even if it is to-
tally unexpected. Nonetheless,
it can be exciting to know that
someone is watching out for you.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, now is the time to redi-
rect some of your profession-
al ambitions to your personal
life. It's an effort worth making.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters in the word to spell
something pertaining to music.

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Answer: Chorus

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in Florida. I am a rock-n-roll singer
who goes by a food-related stage
name. But my real name is Marvin
Lee Aday.

Answer: Meat Loaf

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‘GTAV’ kills record numbers on launch date

BRANDON ZENNER
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Rockstar Games can go ahead and take the rest of the year off. Its latest addition to the famed Grand Theft Auto series has made entertainment history by keeping the game millions love and turning it into a piece of art.

On Oct. 25, 2011, Rockstar sent out a simple tweet that read, “#GTAV,” and the frenzy started building. That was the first announcement of a new Grand Theft Auto since the fourth installment, released in 2008.

The review aggregator Metacritic rated “GTA 4” as the best Playstation 3 and Xbox 360 game of all time. There was an obvious reason why it took so long between releases... Rockstar had to top its own game. “GTA 5” was released Sept. 17, and stories about the madness during midnight releases from around the world were reported in droves. In London, a man was stabbed and robbed of his game minutes after its release. According to the “New York Daily News,” three New York men were arrested for posing as cops in an attempt to circumvent the waiting line.

Besides all the mayhem, the hype surrounding the game brought out the crowds on opening day, bringing in a whopping \$800 million in 24 hours.

According to the Internet Movie Database, there are only five movies that cost more to make, “Pirates of the Caribbean: At Worlds End” (\$336 million) and “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince” (\$271 million), to name a couple. “GTA 5” cost \$265 million to produce and market, an all-time high for video games. To a college kid, that’s a lot of Busch Light (over 17.6 million 30-packs at Maryville Hy-Vee, to be exact). But buying “GTA 5” will provide a buzz without the hangover.

Before the game’s release, analysts predicted the game to reach \$1 billion in sales in a month. Take-Two Interactive, the distributor of “GTA 5,” reported last week that only three days after the release, the game had already eclipsed more than \$1 billion. Sales from the release date reached more than \$800 million, nearly 13 million copies, shattering all records and

predictions.

Just how significant is the feat of reaching \$1 billion in only three days? According to the “Huffington Post,” it blew away “Call of Duty: Black Ops II,” which took 15 days, a record at the time, to reach the billion dollar plateau. Compare it to the highest-grossing film ever, “Avatar,” which took 17 days to reach the same benchmark. It can only continue to make history.

What is so special about this game? It is unlike any other game in the series... or ever. In an interview with the “Guardian,” Take-Two producers said making Grand Theft Auto was “like nailing jelly to kittens.”

Rather than having a single character that players complete missions or run away from the cops with, users have the ability, when earned, to switch between three different characters: Franklin, Michael and Trevor. Each character has his own lifestyle: Franklin comes from the streets, Michael from a suburban home, and Trevor drunkenly stumbles from his trailer in the boondocks.

Each character has different missions he can complete for a chance at a big payday. Another unique change to the game is the ability to take part in “heists,” missions that require a tactical ability to control each player in different situations. Whether it’s a high-end carjacking or robbing millions from a jewelry store, the user’s skills are sure to be tested.

“GTA 5” offers a lush and vividly graphic universe for game play. It has expanded it’s playing ground, and is larger than “GTA 4,” “GTA: San Andreas,” and “Red Dead Redemption” combined. Rockstar’s remake of Los Angeles consists of a downtown area, countryside, a military base and miles of beaches and ocean front land. When player’s aren’t out on missions, stealing cars or beating hookers, there are many leisure activities to participate in. Whether it’s playing golf or tennis, racing jet ski’s or motorcycles, doing yoga or investing in stocks, users are sure to never run into a dead end of activities.

The game allows for an escape from real life in a very subtle, life-like transition. The world consists of the fictional state of San Andreas with rumors of expanding the map in the online version. Some sources

are even pointing at finding ways to incorporate past game maps, such as Vice City and Liberty City, with hopes of spanning “the world.”

The game takes a peek perhaps into some of today’s society’s views. Commentary plays throughout each mission from various bosses and characters on a variety of topics. In one mission, Trevor is forced to torture and interrogate a man, Mr K, to receive information about a foreign fugitive who poses a threat to the FBI.

This specific mission provides a piece of monologue from Trevor about the government’s ineffective use of torture methods. He mentions Mr K’s readiness to speak about the fugitive without means of torture. Trevor describes it as a way “to get information; to assert ourselves.” Producers have spoken out against reviews but have had difficulty denying that there was no substance to the scene.

For those who are against “violent” video games, pick up the controller and give “GTA 5” a test. Yes, the game has its fair share of intense violence, but true fans will appreciate what is really given to them. The art and realism behind the game is a milestone in the gaming world. From the effects of blowing up cars to the open countryside filled with wildlife to the realness of swimming at the bottom of the ocean, anyone will see the amount of thought and work that was put behind it.

The real-life transition will open online starting Oct. 1. New to “GTA 5” is the ability to form “crews,” where players will be able to customize characters, build their own missions and tag-team heists online with up to 16 users.

Grand Theft Auto isn’t stopping yet, either. “International Business Times” predicts the game to gross more than “Avatar’s” \$2.8 billion in a mere week. It also predicts the game to surpass box office earnings from “The Dark Knight” and “Avatar” combined by November.

It’s clear there is more to “GTA 5” than carjackings and shootouts. This is a historical moment as current generation consoles come to an end that may never happen again in the entertainment world... unless the series continues.



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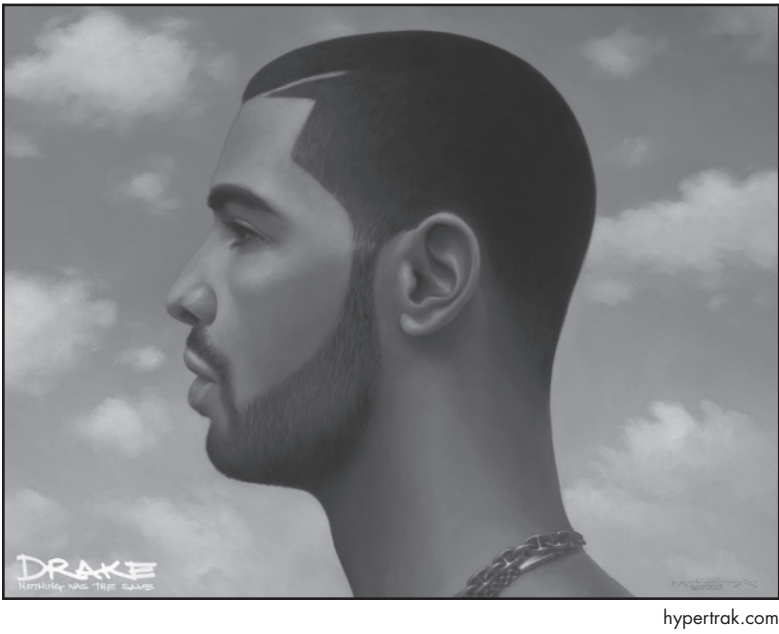
I bet you are the kind of person at a party who tells people to "shhh" because a cop is driving by, or asks over and over again if the music is too loud. The point is no one likes that guy, and it's purely situational hate.

You can quit your job and get a new one, or give a warning from time to time, but as long as you drive around in a University minivan looking for my car to fine me a Tom Cruise amount of money, you will be my enemy. Yes,

I used "Tom Cruise" as an adjective, look it up in Urban Dictionary while you're waiting to write another stupid ticket for a student hurrying to class.

So next time you see a car getting a ticket, don't lash out at the guy or girl writing the ticket. Just realize they are a situational douche, the same situational douche as the friend who cuts you off on Friday night. It's really easy to hate them, so do it while they are on the clock.

The Stroller has been a Northwest tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.



Drake's "Nothing Was the Same" destined for success

Ashley Brown
Missourian Reporter | @BounceThatAsh

Drake cautions his fans of what's to come of the highly-anticipated album, "Nothing Was the Same," with the bold and informative album opener, "Tuscan Leather." He sings, "This is nothin' for the radio, but they'll play it though cause it's that new Drizzy Drake. That's just the way it go."

Drake's third album definitely brings out a side of him fans are likely to take as a shock. It's introspective and straight to the point. Some may even compare Drake's confidence and bravery to Kanye West's "Yeezus."

This Drake is nothing like the one fans listened to three years ago when he dropped 2011's top album, the Grammy Award winning "Take Care." His lyrics are more meaningful, his metaphors are more vivid, his attitude is cockier and his creativity is noticeable.

"Take Care" was the type of album to ride to with the windows down, wind blowing and at maximum volume. It was hype music. "Nothing Was the Same" is the complete opposite. We still have the overly emotional Drake, but this album is the type to listen to in your headphones by your lonesome somewhere in deep thought. The words will capture minds and blow imaginations.

To connect with any artist, it helps to have experienced whatever it is they are singing about. A lot of people can't vibe with Drake because he's too emotional, and he occasionally seems repetitive in his songs. Drake may be an emotional artist, but very few could do what he does and get away with it. His delivery is complex. His messages are deep.

Those who aren't Drake fans may simply be implying that they haven't been through an "Unforgettable" experience, "Starting From the Bottom" all the while trying to "Find Your Love." Those are a few titles of some of Drake's biggest hits. He gives it to his fans directly in "Nothing Was the Same," expressing everything in detail.

We can see that Drake is becoming more and more confessional with every release. With as much success as he's received, his next project will surely be anticipated just as much, if not more.



Rating: 4/5
Artist: Drake
Album: Nothing Was the Same
Label: Cash Money Records INC.
Release Date: Sept. 24, 2013

Billboard Hot 10 Songs

- 1. Wrecking Ball – Miley Cyrus
- 2. Roar – Katy Perry
- 3. Royals – Lorde
- 4. Blurred Lines – Robin Thicke ft. T.I. and Pharrell
- 5. Wake Me Up! – Avicii
- 6. Holy Grail – Jay Z ft. Justin Timberlake
- 7. Applause – Lady Gaga
- 8. Berzerk - Eminem
- 9. Hold On, We're Going Home – Drake ft. Majid Jordan
- 10. Summertime Sadness – Lana Del Rey and Cedric Gervais



Kerry Washington

The "Scandal" actress was recently honored as People magazine's best dressed woman. The 36-year-old always stuns at events and stays up-to-date on the latest fashions. She's also gracing the cover of Glamour magazine's October issue in stores now.

MLB Season

The Major League Baseball regular season is winding down, and teams are fighting to make the playoffs and ultimately, a shot at the World Series. A few teams have already clinched a playoff berth; however, division titles and wildcard spots remain up for grabs.... and the Royals are fighting to stay alive.

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Billboard Hot 200 Albums

- 1. Fuse – Keith Urban
- 2. Kiss Land – The Weeknd
- 3. B.O.A.T.S. II #METIME – 2 Chainz
- 4. Crash My Party – Luke Bryan
- 5. The Electric Lady – Janelle Monae
- 6. AM – Arctic Monkeys
- 7. Feels Like Home – Sheryl Crow
- 8. Love and War – Tamar Braxton
- 9. Yours Truly – Ariana Grande
- 10. Love in the Future – John Legend



Naya Rivera's "Sorry"

The actress, best known for her role as Santana Lopez in "Glee," belts it out in her first single, "Sorry," featuring her beau, Big Sean. Unfortunately, the song doesn't suit the 26-year-old's raspy, soulful voice. While the song is catchy, she would be better off on an Amy Wine house-inspired ballad.

To-Go Containers

Who wants to carry around a smelly plastic container full of leftover, soggy food? It's not exactly the cutest accessory. The Bearcat Commons forbids students to take food out of the dining hall without a to-go container.

Drake's Delayed Tour

The rap mogul has pushed back the start date of his "Would You Like a Tour" tour from Sept. 25 to Oct. 18, resulting in his Kansas City stop being two months late. Drake will now be performing Dec. 7 at the Sprint Center. The "Hold On, We're Going Home" singer blamed his decision to delay the tour on a chaotic "rehearsal schedule and technical production requirements that are a part of the show."

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O-LINE

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blockers.

“A good line can make a running back real good,” Beemer said. “I love having that line, and I think it might be one of the best lines in the state.”

It might be unclear to some whether Maryville’s elite rushing attack is due more to a top-flight line or a barrage of gifted running backs.

“It’s definitely both,” Cacek said. “If we don’t make our blocks, (running backs) aren’t going to be able to go anywhere, but if we help make our blocks, they’re gonna get us places. It’s a total team effort.”

Next on the docket for Maryville is Cameron (3-1) at home. The Dragons beat LeBlond 41-14 Sept. 13 and suffered their only loss against Chillicothe Sept. 20, 17-14.

Cameron’s offense relies almost solely on the ground game, particularly in the hands of senior quarterback Dakota Calhoon and senior running back Joe Pratt.

“Chillicothe is a heavy-dominated run team, and (Cameron) throws it about as much as Chillicothe,” Webb said about their ball control. “I think the more important thing defensively is stopping their run and getting three-and-outs and getting off the field and giving our offense the opportunity to get the ball.

“With their option attack, it’s about being assignment sound and taking care of your responsibilities every snap defensively.”

Calhoon has just 48 yards on 6-of-19 passing for the year, but amassed 325 yards and four touchdowns on just 33 carries entering Friday’s game.

Pratt has carried 61 times for 391 yards and nine touchdowns.

“I think that’s the whole idea behind their flexbone option,” Webb said. “You can’t take one away; you’ve got to be able to contain them both.”

The Spoofhounds faced a string of tough opponents, starting with Chillicothe Sept. 13 to LeBlond and now Cameron tomorrow night.

“With the way (Cameron) is running the football on offense and running their option is very good,” Webb said, “and that’s going to prepare us for anybody we see down the season.”

Maryville has seen a lot this season, ranging from a 46-point shutout win to sealing victories in the third quarter and even last-minute heroics, but Cacek said there is still room to grow, especially for the O-line.

“We weren’t perfect (Friday),” Morrison said. “So we’re just going to keep striving to be perfect.”

The goals for the Spoofhound line are ambitious, but not out of reach at its current pace.

“(Our goals) are always pancakes - try to get pancakes,” Cacek said. “Then try to break the rushing record if you can and just try to dominate as an offensive line and be the best in the state.”

One thing is certain as the Spoofhounds prepare for a 7 p.m. kickoff tomorrow at home: their coalescence of a domineering line and cunning backfield create a burdening challenge for opposing defenses.



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

The Spoofhound offensive line squares up against Bishop LeBlond in the 18-16 victory Sept. 20. Maryville came back to win in the final minute with a 74-yard drive, capped off by a 15-yard touchdown from senior quarterback Trent Nally to senior fullback Trent Dredge.

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	Pitt. St.....	3-0	3-0
	Washburn.....	3-0	3-0
	Mo. Western.....	3-0	2-0
	NORTHWEST.....	3-0	2-0
	Lindenwood	2-1	2-1
	MHS FOOTBALL		
	MEC STANDINGS		
		Overall	MEC
	MARYVILLE.....	3-0	1-0
	Cameron.....	3-0	1-0
	Lafayette.....	3-0	1-0
	Savannah.....	2-1	1-0
	Chillicothe.....	2-1	0-1
	LeBlond.....	2-1	0-1
	Smithville.....	1-2	0-1
	NW VOLLEYBALL		
	MIAA STANDINGS		
		Overall	MIAA
	Central Mo.....	12-0	3-0
	Nebraska-Kearney.....	11-1	3-0
	Washburn.....	10-3	1-0
	Central Okla.....	10-1	2-1
	NORTHWEST.....	6-5	2-1
	Emporia St.....	7-3	1-1
	Mo. Western.....	3-7	1-1
	MHS GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL		
	MEC STANDINGS		
		Overall	MEC
	LeBlond.....	5-0	1-0
	MARYVILLE.....	4-1	2-1
	Savannah.....	10-1-1	0-0
	Smithville.....	1-3	0-0
	Cameron.....	2-2-1	1-1
	Benton.....	3-5-1	1-2
	Chillicothe.....	4-3	0-1
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	Southwest Baptist at Central Mo.		
	NORTHWEST at Lindenwood		
	September 21:		
	Pitt. St. at Fort Hays		
	Central Mo. at Lindenwood		
	Mo. Western at Emporia St.		
	September 27:		
	Cameron at MARYVILLE		
	September 26:		
	Chillicothe at Lafayette		
	Benton at Savannah		
	September 30:		
	Lafayette at MARYVILLE		
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Sophomore defender Tyler Stoll protects the ball from a defender earlier this season. Maryville is 3-6 after a loss to Chillicothe.

Soccer loses 3rd straight, now 3-6

MYLES DUSTMAN

Missourian Reporter | @NWMSports

Despite the records, Maryville soccer head coach Stuart Collins feels optimistic entering the matchup with Savannah.

The Spoofhounds (3-6) enter Thursday's contest coming off a 4-2 loss to Chillicothe, while Savannah sits at 3-2-1.

"I have no idea what they have got going on," Collins said. "Based on last

year, we should be able to compete with them."

Chillicothe dominated ball control and more shots on goal than Maryville. That, along with the 'Hounds inability to contain Horner's forward Jon Kline, who had two goals, contributed to the loss.

The lone bright spots in the game came in the 14th minute when junior Mitchell Worthington scored on a penalty kick and in the 26th minute when sophomore Ben Smith scored

to tie the game at two apiece.

Even though there is over half of the season left, Collins thinks the Spoofhounds can compete with the Hornets when districts come around.

"If we get a rotation going where we play them, don't play them, then play them again, I think we will match up really well," Collins said. "Once we actually play and get some games under our belt, I think we will do all right."

Maryville kicks off against Sa-

Final scores from Midland Empire Conference football



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Bishop LeBlond		Maryville
16	Final Score	18
197	Total Yards	406
91	Rushing Yards	344
1	Turnovers	2

Chillicothe - 17 at Cameron - 14

Benton - 7 at Smithville - 20

Savannah - 33 at Lafayette - 26

Golf finishes 1st out of 4 at Fairview

Team	Score
Maryville	208
Lawson	220
Plattsburg	236
Bishop LeBlond	NONE

Spoofhound	Score
Cassie Holtman	47
Hannah Brod	50
Anna Swink	54
Ali Throm	57
Anna Throm	71

Striplin pitches complete game, takes 10-0 loss; softball still winless

DAULTON PERRY

Chief Sports Reporter | @NWMSports

The Maryville Spoofhounds are a little more than half way through their season and are still trying to put their first tally in the win column.

The 'Hounds woes continued as they took a 10-0 loss in five innings against Bishop LeBlond Tuesday afternoon.

Freshman pitcher Katlyn Striplin pitched a complete game and scattered 11 hits through her five innings of work.

Striplin allowed 10 runs, with just six earned, and issued one walk and one strikeout.

Freshman third baseman Meghan Yarnell had the lone hit for Maryville with a one-out single in the second inning.

Ashton Reuter was the other 'Hound that got on base after being walked, but like Yarnell, was not able to score.

Maryville has made its most improvements defensively where the team committed only

three errors throughout the game.

"We have decreased our errors big time," head coach Lesley Schulte said. "Where we used to commit eight or six errors a game, and now we are down to just three.

"We have stressed the little details to the girls, and their confidence has grown since game one."

Maryville looks to see if its confidence has really improved since Sept. 12, when the Benton Cardinals (8-6) shutout the Spoofhounds 14-0 in five innings.

Schulte expects to see a much closer game against the Cardinals than last time.

"We are decreasing our strikeouts and are putting more hard hits in play. I have continued to see improvement from these girls," Schulte said. "Mental toughness has been key for them to grow, and we preach the motto of 'very pitch, every play.'"

The game is set for 4:30 p.m. today in St. Joseph.



MIKEY LAWRENCE | NW MISSOURIAN

Freshman pitcher Katlyn Striplin releases a pitch against a Benton Cardinals hitter earlier this season. The Maryville softball team is still fighting for its first win of the season.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



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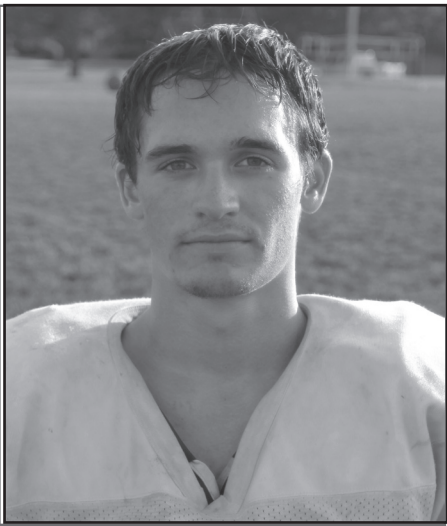


Billy Creason

Bridget Hanafin

Dakota Beemer

Trent Nally



Senior running back Billy Creason gained just 26 yards on eight carries in the 49-14 win over Fort Hays State, but plowed his way in for three of Northwest's seven touchdowns.

Senior setter Bridget Hanafin led the Bearcats with 25 assists and tacked on 11 digs, albeit in a three-sets-to-none loss at the hands of Washburn Tuesday night.

Sophomore running back Dakota Beemer ripped through the Bishop LeBlond defense Sept. 20, picking up 207 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries in the 18-16 win.

Senior quarterback Trent Nally capped off Maryville's 18-16 comeback victory over Bishop LeBlond with the game-winning 15-yard touchdown pass to senior fullback Trent Dredge.

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Golf wrestles tough course

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Northwest will have its hands full when it travels to Axtell, Neb. this weekend to compete in the University of Nebraska-Kearney Fall Invitational.

The challenge is not necessarily because of the competition the Bearcats will face, which will be affluent, but from the bunker-rich Awarii Golf Club.

Head coach Pat McLaughlin said he plans to address the challenges the hilly course presents during practice this week.

“Some of the things we need to work on are those unusual, difficult shots: the lips of the bunkers, buried balls in sand traps,” McLaughlin said. “Some of those things you don’t encounter in practice all that often, but we need to practice those kinds of shots.”

The ‘Cats will participate in the tournament with Fort Hays State, Black Hills State, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and Kansas Wesleyan.

Nebraska-Kearney barely edged Northwest in the Southwest Minnesota Mustang Invite, which took place Sept. 21 and 22 in Marshall, Minn.

The Bearcats finished eighth in the 14-team tournament, six strokes back of the seventh-place Lopers. The ‘Cats finished 10 strokes back of Missouri Western and 10 strokes ahead of Central Missouri.

“The problem at Southwest Minnesota was we weren’t as consistent as we had been,” McLaughlin said. “They would have inconsistent nines, and that would vary from day to day. That’s something we need to focus on and work on in the coming weeks.”

The other issue was the unfamiliarity with collegiate golf from a pair of freshmen, McLaughlin said.

Taylor Gardner competed in her second collegiate tournament, and Hannah Sears made her college debut on the golf course.

“A lot of this was beginning nerves,” McLaughlin said. “They’re playing against some real good competition. I think the overall transition of college, traveling, fitting in on the team and playing golf and doing their course work, all that effects and distracts from playing the top of your game. Both of them qualified in the top-four of the team, and so they earned the right to travel. But they need to get over the hump and think, ‘this isn’t college golf; it’s just golf.’”

The Nebraska-Kearney Fall Invitational begins Sept. 30 in Axtell, Neb. and continues to Oct. 1.



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior defensive specialist Bailey Vance sets up for a dig against Missouri Western Sept. 17. Northwest lost three sets to one in its first home match of the year.

Woerth, volleyball seeking rebound victory at Hays

TYLER BROWN
Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

The Northwest volleyball team looks to bounce back against Fort Hays State after suffering its sixth loss of the season against Washburn University.

The Bearcats will face off with the Tigers 3 p.m. Saturday in Hays, Kan. The Tigers also look to get their first MIAA win after starting 0-4 in conference play and 0-9 overall. Fort Hays State is coming off a 3-1 loss to Missouri Western.

The Bearcats will have to battle their way back to a winning record after falling to 6-6 on the season.

Head coach Amy Woerth thinks they have a great opportunity for success coming off the hard-fought match Tuesday night against a top 25 Washburn team.

“We played them tight at first,” head coach Amy Woerth said. “Then they ran away with it.”

The Bearcats lost three straight sets with scores of 22-25, 12-25 and

21-25. This loss snaps a two-game win streak while playing on the road. Woerth said they did some good things, but still learned a lot of lessons.

“They were the best team we have played all season,” Woerth said. “We have to set the bar high. We have to be consistent.”

Juniors Abby Graves and 2012 third-team all-MIAA Brooke Bartosh had 30 kills combined. Despite the loss, Woerth was praising them after the game.

“They took what the other team gave them,” Woerth said. “They used their heads well.”

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Weight: 285



Jacob Cacek
Grade: Junior
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 260

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Spoofhound O-line spearheads steady offense

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Maryville football devotees can attest to the importance of a standout offensive line for a conference championship-caliber team.

The Spoofhounds narrowly escaped the clutches of the first loss in Matt Webb's 19-game reign as head coach Sept. 20. A

copious amount of credit for that slim 18-16 victory over Bishop LeBlond goes to the Maryville barricade of an offensive line, which coated the field at the 'Hound Pound' with Golden Eagle defenders during the second-half comeback win.

"They were very good," LeBlond head coach Tony Dudik said. "You get down there with Xs and Os, but it always boils down to

players. Some of those spots they had better players than we did."

The Spoofhounds' snowplow up front is piloted by seniors Jackson Morrison and Logan Catlett and filled out by juniors Bendan Weybrew and Jacob Cacek as well as sophomore Nate Colwell.

Those five steered Maryville's offense, even without all-state running back Brody McMahon, to 344 yards rushing, includ-

ing 59 yards on the ground in the game-winning drive against LeBlond. After rumbling through that chunk of field, senior quarterback Trent Nally was set to cap it off with a 15-yard swing pass to senior fullback Trent Dredge, who dove into the end zone for the win with 59 seconds left.

"When we weren't pushing them around on the offensive line, we weren't moving the ball,"

Cacek said. "It's as easy as that. There late we started moving them, and we started moving the ball. If we get that done, our backs will make us look good."

Sophomore running back Dakota Beemer was the lead beneficiary, tallying 207 rushing yards and a touchdown on 20 carries behind his rampart of

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Bearcats prep for home trap game against conference foe

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With former University of Nebraska quarterback Bronson Marsh at the helm, head coach Adam Dorrel expects a tough game from winless Nebraska-Kearney.

Marsh is not just a threat through the air; he also uses his mobility to keep defenses on their toes.

"He's a very talented young man," Dorrel said. "He plays hard and is dual-threat kid. The thing that is difficult for us is that he's getting better every week. Obviously, that's good for them and bad for us. A lot of what they are doing is running the option and zone right stuff."

"When they throw the football, it looks like to me that he has a lot of run-pass options. That's just difficult. You have to assign a guy to him, then the guy that is assigned to him has to fight through a bit of traffic and has to make a tackle in space."

Marsh has rushed for 365 yards and four touchdowns to go along with a staggering 6.6 yards per carry.

As a former offensive lineman, Dorrel knows how important the big men up front are to a team's success and thinks the Lopers' offensive line is as good as he will see.

"We are playing a very dangerous football team that has a great offensive line... very physical and nasty and blue-collar football team that plays hard," Dorrel said. "Those are dangerous football teams. They've gotten better every week, so we have a big challenge in front of us."

Although Nebraska-Kearney is 0-3, senior wide receiver Clint Utter has seen enough of the Lopers to not take them lightly.

"You see the record, but when you watch the film, you know this is better than an 0-3 team," Utter said. "It's the MIAA. You can't take a week off. It's a tough conference from the top to the bottom. To stay focused, you have to look at your yearly goals."

Senior quarterback Trevor Adams bounced back last week in a 49-14 victory over Fort Hays State after being pulled in favor of backup sophomore Brady Bolles against Central Missouri.

"Trevor is a great leader out there, and we view him as a great leader and a great player," Utter said. "Brady brings a different dynamic, and really, catching the ball from either one of them is not really any different."

With the dual-quarterback system developing into a force to be reckoned with, teams will have to spend extra time preparing for the different looks the Bearcats can bring on offense.

"Having to prepare for two quarter-



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Sophomore quarterback Brady Bolles takes off out of the pocket against Fort Hays State Sept. 21. Bolles rushed for 49 yards and one touchdown coming off the bench.



By the numbers



Nebraska-Kearney		Northwest
Kearney, NE	Location	Maryville, MO
MIAA	Conference	MIAA
5,600	Enrollment	6,800
5	Playoff Appearances	17
0	National Titles	3
0	Conference Titles	24

backs is tough," Utter said. "Trevor can run too...it's not just Brady. Also, both can throw. Watching double the amount of film has to be a little bit tougher for them."

Northwest will return to Bearcat Stadium after a week-long hiatus to take on Nebraska-Kearney at 1 p.m. Saturday for Family Weekend.

Northwest football set to use upcoming weeks as launchpad for rest of year

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After a competitive two weeks of football to begin the season, Northwest has now moved on to the...let's call it the lackluster section of the season.

The No. 3 Bearcats play Nebraska-Kearney, Northeastern State and Central Oklahoma the next three weeks, and all three teams combine for a 0-9 record.

The MIAA is the most competitive conference in the nation, and sleeping on any team could lead to a surprise loss that would derail a season.

But let's be honest, Northwest should demolish all three of these teams.

The Bearcats have big play potential at every position in their offense: Brady Bolles taking a read-option 70 yards, Billy Creason and Robert Burton III breaking off a big run and Bryce Young and Co. using the running game to get behind the safeties off play action for a long touchdown pass.

The defense has had its lapses throughout the season, but has been extremely solid at every position.

No one on the team or coaching staff will say it out loud but these next three weeks should be used to get ready for the end of the season and the postseason.

The ultimate goal of this team is a win in Alabama, and to do that, they have to utilize these three weeks.

It's hard to balance showing new plays for the more competitive teams to scout and working on the new plays against live competition.

At this point in the season, the Bearcats don't need to add another 10 plays to defeat these teams because of the mix of Adams and Bolles.

The two-headed quarterback onslaught brings enough different looks that have to make defensive coordinators cringe. The different formations and playbooks between the two allow head coach Adam Dorrel to keep some of the plays in his back pocket until needed.

One thing I would like to see is the evolution of Korey Jackson. The junior wide receiver has shown flashes of big play ability in the preseason scrimmages and occasionally during the first three games.

Jackson needs to take the next step into being the solidified third option behind Clint Utter and Young. He is 6 feet 3 inches with long arms and a lot of physical abilities, and Northwest needs him to get more reps to give this team another dimension.

The defense is deep in every position, and defensive coordinator Rich Wright has been able to get a lot of players time on the field.

The Bearcat offense is going to be up big on a lot of these teams early, causing the opposing teams to drop back and throw. The D-line needs to get more consistent pressure on the quarterback and can use this to shore up technique.

One last thing they need to do is get and stay healthy.

Cornerback Brian Dixon has been out with an ankle injury since the week one victory over Saginaw Valley, and Northwest needs him back to boost that secondary back to the elite level. Getting hit by a car didn't help, but as long as he can dodge vehicles and let that ankle heal correctly, the secondary should take another step to becoming the best in the nation.

Head coach Adam Dorrel has been through this many times, and fans have to believe that he will make the right decisions with this team. This group of players is special, and these three weeks could be what turns this team from an MIAA contender to a national championship contender.